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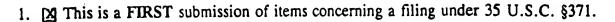
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This Transmittal Letter is based upon PTO Form 1390 (as revised in May, 1993).

The above-identified applicant(s) (jointly with their assignee) have filed an International Application under the P.C.T. and hereby submit(s) to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.



- 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.
- 3. [x] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371[f]) at any time rather than delay.
- 4. [X] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination (IPE) was made to the appropriate Authority (IPEA) within the time period required.
- 5. [x] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371[c][2]) -
 - a. [X] is transmitted herewith (required when not transmitted by International b. [] has been transmitted by the International Bureau. See WIPO Publication WO.00/66663 Bureau).

 - c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 6. X A (verified) translation of the International Application into the English language is enclosed.
- 7. [] Amendments to the (specification and) claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371[c][3])
 - a. [] are transmitted herewith (required if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
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 - c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. [] have not been made and will not be made.
 - e. [] will be submitted with the appropriate surcharge.
- 8. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims (and/or the specification) under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371[c][3]) is enclosed or will be submitted with the appropriate surcharge.

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9. [X] An oath or declaration/power of attorney of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371[c][4]) -is enclosed-.

[] and is attached to the translation of (or a copy of) the International Application.

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10. [] A translation of at least the Annexes to the IPE Report under PCT Article 36 (35) U.S.C. §371[c][5]) is enclosed.

Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 is enclosed.
- 12. [x] An Assignment for recording and a separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31-is enclosed-.
- 13. [X] A FIRST preliminary amendment is enclosed. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- 14. [] A substitute specification (including claims, abstract, drawing) is enclosed.
- 15. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter is enclosed.
- 16. [X] Other items of information:
 - This application is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.494(c) or X 1.495(c), and any missing parts will be filed before expiration of-
 - [] 22 months from the priority date under 37 CFR 1.494(c), or
 - [X] 32 months from the priority date under 37 CFR 1.495(c).
 - The undersigned attorney is authorized by the International applicant and by the inventors to enter the National Phase pursuant to 37 CFR 1.494(c) or 1.495(c).

The following additional information relates to the International Application:

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Priority Claim(s) (35 USC §§ 119, 365): M

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